

Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Crash- Clayton

Clayton— Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motor vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 6:08 p.m., Monday, January 04, 2021, on Arthursville Road north of Shorts Corner Road.

The initial investigation has determined a 2004 Ford F-150, operated by a 38-year-old male from Smyrna, DE, was traveling northbound Arthursville Road north of Shorts Corner Road, when it crossed over the southbound lane and lost control off the shoulder of the roadway. The Ford struck several fence posts which caused the vehicle to rotate. The Ford continued traveling off the south shoulder of Arthursville Road until the front of the vehicle struck a tree. The collision with the first tree caused the Ford to rotate clockwise and the driver side of the vehicle struck a second tree.

The operator of the Ford was pronounced deceased at the scene. His name is being withheld at this time pending the notification of next of kin.

Arthursville Road was closed for approximately 4 hours while the collision was investigated and cleared.

The investigation is ongoing, and anyone with information regarding the crash should contact Det. Booth of the Troop 3 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-698-8451. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of

assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@state.de.us.

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